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Re Application of: Ashie et al.

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Serial No.: 10/041,080

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For: Meat Tenderization

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.

The fee for claims has been calculated as shown below:

Total: $25 - 20 = 5 \times 18 = \90


Independent: $2 - 3 = 0 \times 84 = \$0$

Total additional fee for claims required is \$90.

Please charge the claims fees, estimated to be \$90, to Novozymes North America, Inc.,
Deposit Account No. 50-1701. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 2, 2002


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I hereby certify that the attached correspondence comprising

1. Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
2. Amendment and Marked Up Version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 2, 16 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following amended claims for the pending claims having the same claim numbers:

B 1 1. (Amended.) A method for tenderizing meat, said method comprising contacting meat with a tenderizing-effective amount of a thermolabile protease having limited substrate specificity.

B 2 15. (Amended.) A tenderizing meat composition comprising a tenderizing-effective amount of (i) a thermolabile protease having limited substrate specificity, wherein said protease is derived from a mammal; and (ii) one more flavoring agents.

Please add the following new claims:

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